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SUBJ: PATRONAT DEBATE ON TV

REFS: (A) PARIS 652, (B) STATE 16046

1. IN KEEPING WITH DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION IN REF (B) PATRONAT HAS WRITTEN LETTERS OF INVITATION TO NATHANIEL SAMUELS OF KUHN LOEB, GEORGE SHULTZ OF BECHTEL CORP., ELLMORE C. PATTERSON OF MORGAN GUARANTY, HENRY FORD II, GENERAL JAMES GAVIN OF ARTHUR D. LITTLE INC., DAVID ROCKEFELLER OF CHASE MANHATTAN, AND PETER PETERSON OF LEHMAN BROTHERS. AMBASSADOR RUSH HAS WRITTEN SEPARATE LETTERS TO SAME INVITEES URGING THAT THEY GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PATRONAT PROPOSAL.

2. SUGGESTION IN PARA 4 OF REF (B) THAT CONVERSATION OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS MIGHT BE TAPED IN NEW YORK FOR LATER TELECAST IS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE PATRONAT WISHES TO CONDUCT LIVE ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE WITH FRENCH EXECUTIVES INVOLVING LENGTHY GIVE AND TAKE. WE HAVE CALLED TO PATRONAT'S ATTENTION, HOWEVER, SUGGESTION IN PARA 5 OF REF (B) THAT TV DEBATE BE PART OF LONGER HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

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AND WE UNDERSTAND PATRONAT IS GIVING CONSIDERATION

TO THIS.

3. CHAIRMAN KAUTZ OF NAM HAS BEEN INFORMED OF
PATRONAT PROPOSAL AND HAS OFFERED TO BE HELPFUL
UPON REQUEST.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT STAND READY TO SUPPORT
THIS PROJECT IF ANY OF INVITEES SOLICIT DEPARTMENT'S
ADVICE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTAL
INITIATIVE IS CALLED FOR AT THIS JUNCTURE.
RUSH

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